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1. After the termination of the World Congress for Peace in Paris, the Argentine Communist Party (CPA) received instructions to initiate a program in favor of the Congress for Peace and Democracy which is to be held in Mexico City in August 1949.* The CPA interpreted these instructions to mean that the Party should tone down its belligerent and exclusively pro-Soviet line in order to encourage intellectuals and liberals, as well as avowed Communists, to subscribe to the Congress.

2. The CPA feels that the Communist line which has been followed in Latin America for the past three years has been a complete failure. In previous years, from 1941 to 1946, when Communism and the democracies were fighting for a common cause, the Latin American Communist Parties had mitigated their attacks on the American states. As a result, many leftists and radicals joined the various front organizations and thus assisted the Party financially and politically. After 1946, the Party line adopted a more outspoken pro-Soviet line. As a result of this policy and world developments, the breach between Communism and non-Communism became so broad that few of the front organizations could retain the support of the middle-of-the-roaders. The Communists thus lost a large popular medium of expression and support, and are now experiencing difficulty in attempting to promote a front congress such as the one anticipated in Mexico.

3. The Cominform has reportedly recognized the Latin American problem and altered its directives, indicating that the Latin Parties should replace their belligerent line with one of apparent inoffensiveness and should emphasize pacifism and broad social reforms in order to attempt to regain the support of those individuals who formerly gave aid and comfort to the Communist front organizations.

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